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### NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

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Lord Loreburn, who is spending a short holiday in Canada, is, it is believed, the only Lord Chancellor who has crossed the Atlantic during his term of office. America (says the *Globe*) is better acquainted with the Lord Chief Justice than with the Lord Chancellor. Lord Coleridge, accompanied by Lord Bowen, Lord Hannen, and Sir Charles Russell, made a triumphant tour through the United States in 1883, and Lord Russell of Killowen, accompanied by Sir Frank Lockwood, was the guest of the American Bar Association for a second time in 1896. But the Woolsack is not without American associations. Lord Lyndhurst was born in Massachusetts in 1772, a grandson of the Boston merchant who was the consignee of the famous tea-chests that were emptied into Boston Harbour. While one Lord Chancellor was born in the United States, another has died there. Lord Herschell, who, after he had ceased to be Lord Chancellor, was appointed a member of the Anglo-American Commission, died at Washington in 1899. The United States Government offered a battleship for the conveyance of his remains across the Atlantic, but Lady Herschell had already accepted Lord Salisbury's proposal that the body of her distinguished husband should be brought home in a British man-of-war.

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Lord Brampton, who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday has been connected with the law over seventy years. For several years before his admission as a student at Middle Temple—that was in 1839—he served as an articled clerk in his uncle's office. 'I hated,' he writes in his reminiscences, 'the drudgery of an attorney's office. In six months I saw enough to convince me that I hated it from the bottom of my heart, and that nothing on earth would induce me to become a solicitor.' But he served his full period of apprenticeship, loyally pursuing his studies to what he calls the bitter end. It is sixty-three years ago since Lord Brampton held his first brief. At the Hertfordshire Sessions, some eighteen months after he was called to the Bar, he prosecuted a woman for stealing a silk shawl. Her sentence was seven years' transportation! So great is the change that has come over the administration of the criminal law since Lord Brampton began his brilliant career in the Courts.